UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE 3/30/64

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS

As a matter of record, on 3/30/64, Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, a member of the President's Commission, had item C15, Oswald's revolver, returned to the Laboratory. The delivery of this item to the Commission was appropriately confirmed by letter to Mr. J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of The President's Commission.

Mr. Eisenberg, during a pretestimony conference with SA Cortlandt Cunningham on 3/30/64, stated that he would like the FBI Laboratory to conduct paraffin tests using diphenylbenzidine with the C14 assassination rifle prior to SA Robert A. Frazier's testimony on 3/31/64. He was advised that these tests would be conducted. Prior tests of this nature were conducted in the Laboratory using the technique of neutron activation (memorandum 3/17/64, Jevons to Conrad). Mr. Eisenberg requested the above test as a matter of record since there had been considerable publicity in regard to this matter.

Mr. Eisenberg also asked Mr. Cunningham to have the Dallas Office of the FBI contact the Dallas Police Department in an effort to locate any additional cartridge cases found by the Dallas Police Department during the investigation of Officer J. D. Tippit's murder. It is pointed out that the Laboratory has received four bullets alleged to have been removed from the body of Officer Tippit. Three of these bullets were manufactured by Winchester-Western and one of the bullets was manufactured by Remington-Peters. The four cartridge cases found near the scene of the shooting by the Dallas Police Department were found to consist of two Remington-Peters and two Western cartridge cases. Therefore, a Remington-Peters bullet and a Western cartridge case were apparently not recovered.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. Sullivan
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FBI Dallas has telephonically advised that Lieutenant Carl Day of the Dallas Police Department stated today that all cartridge cases recovered by the Police Department have been turned over to the Bureau. These, of course, are the ones described above. This information is being furnished the Commission by letter. Lieutenant Day also advised that it is very possible that a bullet or casing to Oswald's revolver was not found as such cartridge cases recovered were found by individuals in the area and turned over to the Dallas Police Department.

It is to be noted that the Tippit murder case is strictly a local one under the jurisdiction of the Dallas Police Department.

ACTION: None, for information.

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